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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to initiation of the prosecution of the above-identified pending U.S. patent application, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please delete the Abstract as filed and substitute therefor the attached revised Abstract. The revised Abstract is provided both as marked to show revisions and in finalized form.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Specification in accordance with the attached revised Specification. The revised Specification is provided both as marked to show revisions and in finalized form.

IN THE CLAIMS

CLEAN COPY OF AMENDED CLAIMS:

1. (AMENDED) An image coding apparatus, comprising:  
inputting means for inputting a multiplexed stream containing multimedia coding data;  
separating means for separating a video stream from said input multiplexed stream;  
converting means for performing a predetermined